

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Mississippi

United States of America

v.

Robert Espinal, Jr.

Defendant(s)

Case No.

1:17mj 13-JCG



CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of February 16, 2017 in the county of Harrison in the
Southern District of MS, Southern Division, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section**Offense Description*

8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii)

Illegal Transportation or Moving of an Alien

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Affidavit, which is attached and incorporated by reference herein.

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Complainant's signature

Holly Krantz, DHS Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 02/17/2017City and state: Gulfport, MS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John C. Gargiulo".

Judge's signature

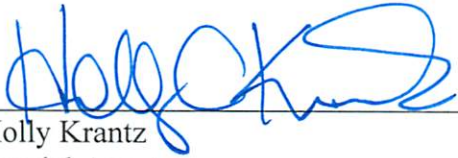
John C. Gargiulo, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

763, citizen of El Salvador; Wagner Waldemar RUIZ-RUIZ, DOB-09/16/1996, A-208 549 766, citizen of Guatemala.

5. At the Gulfport, MS Border Patrol Station Mr. Espinal Jr. was interviewed by HSI SA Lee Robinson and SA Jason Elder. Mr. Espinal Jr. was given his Miranda Warning Rights by SA Elder. Mr. Espinal Jr. verbally agreed to speak with both agents. During the interview, Mr. Espinal Jr. told agents he borrowed \$5,000.00 from an individual in Houston, Texas. Mr. Espinal Jr. agreed to pay back \$10,000.00. Mr. Espinal Jr. told agents he communicated with the unknown male via cellphone. In late January 2017, Mr. Espinal Jr. received a call advising he needed to start transporting people to Miami and get \$300.00 a person taken off his debt. Mr. Espinal Jr. advised he knew they were illegal aliens. That trip, Mr. Espinal Jr. transported five illegal aliens to Florida. Mr. Espinal Jr. told agents he received another telephone on Tuesday, February 14th, to pick this group of eight illegal aliens and transport them to Miami. Mr. Espinal Jr. picked up the aliens and brought them to his residence 7111 Hillcroft Avenue, Apartment 407, Houston, Texas overnight. Mr. Espinal Jr. began his trip on Wednesday evening at approximately 1900 hours. Mr. Espinal Jr. admitted he knew he was doing something illegal and didn't think it all the way thru.

6. Based on the aforementioned facts and circumstances, your affiant believes there is probable cause that Mr. Espinal Jr. is in violation of 8 USC 1324 Transporting Illegal Aliens.



Holly Krantz
Special Agent
Homeland Security Investigations

Sworn to before me this
17th day of February, 2017



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI